

Positive Alternatives 2015 - 16 Quarterly Update

Grantee: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona, Inc.

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Goal: Catholic Charities will sustain, across a broad swath of southern Minnesota, a high degree of accessibility, responsiveness, and advocacy for pregnant women and women with babies that is absolutely vital to providing alternatives to abortion.

For the period: April – June 2015

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Provide guidance to grant staff, complete grant forms, attend required grant meetings, provide on-going crisis intervention counseling training		Social workers and support staff report each call on an initial contact form and discuss needs and referral plans.	
Outreach	Place pregnancy posters across service area, distribute marketing and informational materials, advertise, make presentations, maintain website and host community events		Staff distributed 112 <u>posters</u> to various locations. <u>Direct</u> contact was made with staff from MN State University-Mankato, The REACH, First Choice Clinic, Semcac Family Planning Clinic, new PAG coordinator, Winona Co Social Services, Winona Co WIC, Women's Resource Center, Bluff Country Family Resources, Semcac Outreach, Head Start Home Visiting, MN Valley Action Council, Options for Women, Mankato Birthright, and Blue Earth Co Social Services. <u>Folders</u> were distributed to CADA House, The REACH, First Choice Clinic, new PAG coordinator, Semcac Clinic, Winona Co Community Services, Winona Co WIC, Women's Resource Center, Houston Co PHN and Social Services, Bluff	

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			Country Family Resources, Semcac Outreach, Head Start Home Visiting, Albert Lea Hospital SW, Austin Hospital SW, Family Promise, and Blue Earth Co Social Services and Supportive Housing. <u>Presentations</u> were given to Houston Co Public Health and Social Services staff, Rochester Birthright and Owatonna Community Services Collaborative. Staff are <u>active members</u> of Infant Mental Health, Birthparent Collaborative, Interagency Adoption, Rochester Area Fatherhood Network, Homeless Community Network, the Maternal, Child and Family Health Partnership, Catholic Charities USA, Mankato Community Network and Owatonna Community Services Collaborative. A <u>booth</u> was displayed at Diocese of Winona Ministry Days. <u>Mailings</u> were sent to 94 parishes and schools for Baby Bottle, 71 Nurturing Healthy Families invites, and 2,040 postcards to referral sources. <u>Advertising</u> via bathroom stall ads, Yellow Pages, Facebook, internet and website is on-going and updated as needed.	
Adoption Education	Social workers provide support services including counseling; assessment; explore parenting and adoption options through education and information; support women in their ability to be self-sufficient	2 - 4	Worked with 14 women to explore the option of adoption and make a plan for their baby. Assisted the women in being connected to local resources and supported their decisions.	14
Financial Assistance	Provide financial assistance from donated funds to assist eligible women; assist women in applying for financial assistance from other agencies	15-22	Staff worked with 30 women to process their need for financial assistance. Women received assistance for mortgage, rent and utilities. Connected the women with other resource opportunities.	30

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Hotline	Licensed social workers provide assessments and make referrals to clients 24/7	25-40	Staff answered 109 calls to our office and 24 hour hotline, responded to one email, and assisted two clients who walked into the office without a scheduled appointment to provide assessments and referrals. Out of those contacts, 78 of the women were eligible for services.	78
Parenting Education	Social workers provide support services including counseling; assessment; explore parenting option through education and information; provide safety, financial literacy and parenting education; provide Nurturing Healthy Families education class; improve family stability and self-sufficiency	20-30	Worked with 48 women who were making a parenting plan for themselves and their baby. Assisted the women in being connected to local resources and provided essential parent education and support.	48
Pregnancy Education	Social workers provide support services including counseling; assessment; explore parenting option through education and information; provide safety, financial literacy and pregnancy education; provide Nurturing Healthy Families education class; improve family stability and self-sufficiency	10 - 20	Worked with 31 women to provide pregnancy information and education. Discussed options of adoption and parenting with these women. Assisted the women in being connected to local resources and provided essential pregnancy and parent education.	31
Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only	Staff provides clients only intake assessments, information on, referral to and assistance with securing necessary services	4 - 8	Staff provided assessment and referrals for necessary services only to 9 clients.	9

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	37
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	37
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	37

Challenges:

Comments: